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** MMMonVHF Newsletter / No.01 - WEEK 14/2012 **

Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2012-04-04
We try to distribute our Newsletter, once a week on thursday;
if any special activity will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further details please be so kind and look at our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
MMMonVHF The VHF-DX-Portal
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** Meteors in April **

After the long wintertime minimum, meteor activity starts growing in
April. Most significant shower in this period is medium-rate Lyrids,
peaking April 22nd, 05:30 UT. Sporadic Meteors annual minimum is over,
and SPO rates have started increasing towards their seasonal maximum
in late summer. Moreover, some daytime minor showers are also able to
increase overall meteor activity. Have a look to shower predictions
for April 2012 at our MS-Propagationpage.

SOURCE: Massimo, IV3NDC, for MMMonVHF

** MS sprintcontest 2011 awards **

The E-awards for the participants of the MMMonVHF and DUBUS MS Sprint
Contest have been send to their known E-mail adresses. If any of the
participants did not receive his E-award as PDF please contact the award-
manager Erwin, DK5EW.
For sure two stations (ON6NL and ON5GS) will not receive their award as
they received their award in person from Frank, PA4EME, who attended a clubevening
of the radioclub both are members from. A picture of that can be
found on the website of the UBA, section NOL:
http://nol.uba.be/images/stories/fotos_voorpagina/artikel_6nl_5gs.jpg

Full results can be found here: http://mmmonvhf.de/ctest.php

SOURCE: awardmanager Erwin, DK5EW, for MMMonVHF

** VHF-day in the Netherlands

Call: PA5KM
Email: pa5km@zeelandnet.nl

Info:
Saturday April 14, 2012 VERON " VHF day "

location :
Cafe zaal de Wielerbaan
Maarheerzerweg 9-11
6021 CN Budel
the Netherlands

Latitude: 51.279095 Longitude: 5.581312
Locator: JO21SG96SX

lectures :

70 MHz by Rob, PE1ITR
LFA yagi design by Justin, G0KSC

radiomuseum nearby is open for visit, has special exhibition old VHF-UHF equipment, during lunch break time for : noisefigure measurement, vector-network analysis, frequency calibration, etc.

SOURCE: Coen, PA5KM ; chairman VERON VHF-UHF committee

NOTE MMMonVHF: Frank, PA4EME, and Peter, PA3BIY, from the MMMonVHF team will visit this day.
If you are living near the meeting place, it will be your chance to meet some wellknown Dutch DX-ers on VHF.

** New beacons for TEP in Namibia **

Please spread out this information, thank you !

Thanks to the cooperation from Italian and Hungarian OM and the helpfulness of Pieter V51PJ, we have now 2 new beacons on air from Namibia for TEP observations.
They are 24h a day qrv from JG82IE

Callsign V51VHF

70.005 CW - 35 Watt - 6el DK7ZB beam N
144.430 CW - ? Watt - 10el. DK7ZB beam N

We all hope to receive them soon.

Best 73's Alex IV3KKW

** ARI EME Marathon 2011 **

The results of the ARI EME marathon 2011 are known.

The results are published here:

http://www.ari.it/images/stories/vhf-2011/WWEME2011.pdf

MMMonVHF is congratulating the winners of each section and invites everybody to join the 2012 Marathon by making as much EME contacts as possible on several bands.

** XXI Italian EME Meeting Associazione Radioamatori Italiani **

Tuscany Regional Committee

Hotel Joseph Marina di Pietrasanta - Versilia 21th-22th, April 2012

Saturday, April 21th - afternoon
Welcome to participants, afternoon and evening discussions and EME sector projects, or free evening in Versilia.

Sunday, April 22 th. h. 09.00
Greetings from the Tuscany Regional Committee.
Papers on the space communications
Award to a distinguished amateur for the activity by the EME Tuscany Regional Committee in memory of I5TDJ Piero Moroni.

ARI Italian EME Contest CW & New Mode 2011 Prizes
ARI - W.W. EME Marathon Award Prizes 2011

Lunch and Greetings

During the conference will be on a market exchange between amateur and or work experience.

The Hotel Joseph's 100 meters from the sea, swimming above the restaurant overlooking the Versilia available.
For lunch reservations and / or night, call James I5JUX at the Hotel Joseph, specify that you book for the EME Meeting.

The Meeting is open to all and free of charge.

73 ' Enrico de I5WBE
EME Coordinator

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** Swedish EME-meeting 2012, May 11-13, ï¿½rebro. **

In 5 weeks time the swedish EME-meeting will take place. This meeting is organized by Lars, SM4IVE and it's main purpose is socializing with other 432 MHz and up active EME-ers. But also technical lectures and measurements. Also a lecture from the well known M&M team from Germany bout their EME expedition to LY.

Conferencedetails can be found here:
http://www.sm4ive.com/ememeetingmay.htm

SOURCE: Lars, SM4IVE

** Nordic VUSHF Meeting, Eckerï¿½, ï¿½land. **

Radio Amateur Technology Society in Finland (RATS) is organizing the
Nordic VUSHF meeting in 2012. The meeting will take place between Thursday,
24 May 2012 and Sunday, 27 May 2012 at Kï¿½ringsund Resort & Conference in
Eckerï¿½, ï¿½land. The meeting opens on Thursday, and the official program
(presentations and other activities) will start on Friday.

Our last visit to Kï¿½ringsundsby was a blast,
so weï¿½re looking forward to an excellent meeting!

Reservations to Nordic VUSHF 2012 are now open! All reservations and
accommodation bookings for the meeting venue are done through the VUSHF
meeting organizer team.

More information: http://vushf.rats.fi/

SOURCE: RATS

** DXCC: ZP; 2M EME **

Greetings from Paraguay! Sadly today's operation trying for VE, VK, ZP,
and JA only gave us a few broken sequences that could be decoded.

My next dates both look good for EU and maybe for the U.S.

April 6 2130z (my moonrise) again for a long session.

I would prefer not to take skeds for these two dates. I will try to work
whoever has the best decode. The frequency will be 144.141 and I will
transmit first.

The weekend of April 7th and 8th is not possible for me. I hope the 3rd
and 6th will produce a lot of QSOs and a new country for many of you!

73 and hope to work you, de Steve ZP9EH
SOURCE: MOON-NET

** World's largest EME-antenna destroyed. **

Alexander, RN6BN, has lost his 64 array 144 MHz antenna. High winds
from about 110 km/hr damaged the roof of a house that was build nearby.
The used metal plates for the roof were blown into his antenna with
great damage. A fgew pictures can be seen on VHFDX.ru:
http://forum.vhfdx.ru/yagi/eme144-rn6bn-nakrylas/

We hope that Alexander is able to repair his antenna and can be QRV
again soon.

SOURCE: Alexander, RN6BN

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php
and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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** DXCC: J5; square IK21DT; start 2012-03-23

Just a few days left to work this DX-pedition. They have started also
on 432 MHz on April 4th, around 18.00 UTC

USE or SUBSCRIBE: http://mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=3987

SOURCE: I3DLI to Moon-Net GG

** DXCC: XV; square OK10; start 2012-03-28

Hermann DL2NUD, and Peter DJ4TC will try to be active from Vietnam on EME

LATEST NEWS by Hermann, DL2NUD, dated 2012-03-13:

Hermann did send the latest information about RIG QRGs and Activity Times:
144.144 MHz 17el yagi, db6nt preamp, hlv2000 beko
432.090 MHz 38el yagi, db6nt preamp, 50 W
1296.120MHz 62el yagi, db6nt preamp, 400 W
They will try to be qrv: 28.3 - 10.4 in OK10 / 12.4 - 20.4 in OK20

MAIN NEWS:

The Team plan to be qrv from 28.03. until 20.04. as XV4HP (DL2NUD) and as
3W4TC(DJ4TC).
Maybe 2 Squares will be activated: OK10 and OK20 from Island of Phuqouc on
2m 70cm und 23cm
More Infos will follow if closer the dates...

SOURCE: tnx to Hermann, DL2NUD, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: HS; square OK16 ; start 2012-04-01

HS0ZIL qrv from Thailand around April 2012
Karsten will try to setup a MMMonVHF DXBlog to spread his latest News.

I am happy to announce that there will be a next trip to Thailand around
April.

More informations you will find on the special homepage on
http://www.moonbouncing.net/ and

http://mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?addcom=1&id=4080

Stay tuned on these sites for further informations!!!

SOURCE: tnx to Karsten, DL2LAH/HS0ZIL direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: FG; square FK96; start 2012-04-12

FG4KH back again QRV 144 MHz EME

LATEST NEWS from Phil, F1DUZ, dated 2012-03-17:

Operation details :
Call sign : FG4KH
Rig: FT897D, LNA, SSPA 500w, 2x10Xpol DK7ZB
QRG: 144,116 MHz , if any changes due to birdies I?ll advise you
FG4KH TX always 1ST Period
If necessary, I repeat sequences 3 times but not more. If I do not
receive confirmation after 3 times, I jump to another station so you
will have to call me again.
Usaually I do not send 73
No restriction, you can call any time
Don?t forget to spread out between ï¿½ 600Hz.
In this second activity I will try to satisfy all but in first those
who are not in the first log.
It is an holiday style activity,you will find infos on MMMonVHF about
schedule, events and quick log. All others infos and complete log
will be in the expedition web site (see the link below).
See you soon from French West Indies
73
Philippe

SOURCE: tnx to Phil, F1DUZ direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: HS; square ; start 2012-04-18

E2E EME-DXpedition in Thailand around April 2012
Karsten will try to setup a MMMonVHF DXBlog to spread his latest News.

LATEST NEWS from Swen, HS0ZFZ, dated 2011-12-24:

The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand Under the Patronage of His
Majesty the King - HS1A - The clubstation of RAST ? HS0AC ? was
submerged by 2m of waters during the previous century flood ? which
was in the media worldwide - I believe ? some pictures of the club
station after the water tide was gone ? www.qsl.net/RAST or RAST
forum.com RAST and HS0AC lost equipment worth around 200,000 USD
(150.000 Euro) incl. our mainstation rig FT-1000 MK Mark V ? which
is believed will not be able to be repaired. RAST settle up an
account for donations to help the clubstation getting back on air
soon. Donations could be done directly to the club or via paypal
to donate@rast.or.th (wrong in the Newsletter!).
There is also a EME activation ?E2E? planned
during April to help to raise some funds for HS0AC

** DXCC: EA8; square IL38BQ ; start 2012-04-18

Dave, G4RGK, will be QRV again from EA8 with 400W and 9 el Y.
He doesn't know yet how much time can be spent on radio but
tries to be on the N0UK-chat when he has internet. Skeds possible
via E-mail.

SOURCE: G4RGK, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: EY; square MM48; start 2012-04-27

>From April 27 untill April 29, Frank, DL8YHR, and Rene, PE1L, will be
active from Tadzjikistan via EME. The callsign is EY8ZF the locator is
MM48jn near the city of Dushanbe and Dushanbe airport.
Frequencies: 144.134 and 432.090, EY will TX always first.
They will be on N0UK logger. They are only 2.5 moonpasses QRV so do not
miss them. Check the logger for last minute changes in frequency.
More info on:
http://www.emelogger.com/ey/default.asp?page=eme

SOURCE: Frank, DL8YHR and Rene, PE1L, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: 5X; square: KJ60; start 2012-05-25

After some very successfull DXpeditions to the Gambia past year (C56EME
with
361 inits on 144 MHz, a worldrecord, and 11 inits om 432 MHz), Bonaire
(PJ4X)
and Curacao (PJ2/PE1L), Rene, PE1L will now try again to make
Moonbounce QSO's
from Uganda on 144 MHz and 432 MHz. Uganda the pearl of Africa.
This time Eltje PA3CEE will join the party again. He was also joining in
Kenya
(5Z4EME 2009), Mauritius (3B8EME 2010) and the Gambia (C56EME 2011).
Don't change a winning team!
We will be QRV moonbounce 2 meter as 5X1EME, a special moonbounce permit is
requested.
If all ok we will have a small 70cm setup with us.

>From May 25th (Eltjes birthday!) 5X1EME will be active
from Uganda on 144 MHz moonbounce. The locator will be KJ60gh, near
Kampala on
the equator.

The plan is to leave May 21st and build up the station before the
weekend. It's
just the two of us but we know what we are doing.
It's a hard job to get the license there. Callsign is still a bit
insecure but
we have good faith in obtaining 5X1EME.
We want to be active at least during two whole weekends when there is
good activity in combination with good moon conditions.
Last operation presumably June 3rd.

Internet possibility is unsure but we try to send at least once a day a
update
via MoonNet, MMMonVHF and our mailinglist.

If internet will be low, we will try (one way) communication through
Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/PA3CEE and
http://twitter.com/AtleticoTeamExp in order to inform with short messages.

Frequency:
We always TX and RX 144.134 MHz
We use 1 minute periods and we will TX always first.

Setup:
2 x 8 Xpol yagi
400 watt amplifier and a low NF preamp (WA2ODO)

Welcome to Uganda moonbounce site! http://www.emelogger.com/uganda

This is our fourth DXpedition to Africa. Africa came into our blood. We
have to
come back as often as possible. We can't resist....

73 Rene PE1L and Eltje PA3CEE

SOUrCE: Rene, PE1L, and Eltje, PA3CEE direct to MMMonVHF

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** DXCC IS; squares JN40, JN41, JM48, JM49; start 2012-06-12

Patrick, ON7ARQ will be QRV from Sardinia from June 12th untill June 26th.
During the contest on June 16th/17th he will be signing IM0/ON7ARQ (from
the Island Isola di San Pietro?)

SOURCE: Patrick, ON7ARQ, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: ZK2; square AH51; 2012-07-09

6m (&2m) EME DXpedition to ZK2 September 7-21, 2012

Hello! Well, I wanted to provide as much advance time as I could so you could
mark your calendars and/or get everything in your 6m station optimized by the
end of August As those of you know who completed JT65A mode contacts with
me on 6m EME when I was in E51, 3D2 and 5W, I will do my best to set up and be
active during our common moon windows - especially during the optimum days of
the month for 6m EME. The callsign is not in hand yet (but assured by email),
and the QTH has not been finalized, but all the plane tickets have been purchased
(as usual, any contributions are VERY welcome), and the equipment (a KX3 portable
transceiver with compatible 6m amplifier) is in the works. As soon as the license
is in hand, the information will also be available under the callsign on QRZ.com.
In the meantime, preliminary information about the DXpedition is here:

http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Niue2012.htm

I don't know if it will be possible to find a QTH that provides my usual preference
for a takeoff shot over water on moonrise. However, that is not necessary to work
NA stations during their moonsets (I will be elevating), so we will get the ground
gain on YOUR end for that And if a QTH with a good moonrise shot (for EU moonset)

cannot be found, it is quite likely that we will instead wind up with a good moonset
over the water for the EU moonrise.
Currently, ZL1RS is planning to activate ZK2 on 2m EME during the same time period,
as we did together from E51 and 3D2; Bob's call will probably be his old callsign of ZK2RS.
More details will be posted on the above website as the departure time at the end of August
gets closer.
I am very much looking forward to giving you a new one on the Magic Band! GL and DX! VY 73, Lance

SOURCE: tnx to Lance, W7GJ, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: LA; square KQ50; start 2012-08-11

Only 3 Squares remaining on a visit of the OH8K Team in the northern area -
KQ50 will be one and will be tried to activate in August 2012

The plan from Jussi, OH6ZZ and Sami, OH9GDT will be to be qrv from KQ50
during 11-16. August 2012 as LA/OH6ZZ on 2m FSK/EME. QRG and more details
will be spread later...

SOURCE: tnx to Jussi, OH6ZZ direct to MMMonVHF

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Latest V/U/SHF DX-PEDITION NEWS and EVENTS - Pse do use:
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** DXCC: A3, TONGA, OC-049

Haru,JA1XGI, will be on the air as A35XG working mainly in CW and only
some SSB and digital modes on 20m-6m from Apr 2-9. Listen for him on:
SSB: 14175, 18135, 21260, 24940, 28450 kHz
CW: 10115, 14015, 18080, 21015, 24895, 28015 kHz
Data: 10140, 14088, 18102, 21088, 24920, 28088 kHz
His equipment includes an IC 7000, a 2 ele yagi and a fishing rod ant.
QSL via homecall, LoTW. See also: http://www.geocities.jp/a35xgtonga

SOURCE: [DXNL] DXNL 1773 (Mar 28, 2012)

** DXCC: HB0; square JN47; start 2012-04-25

Kasimir, DL2SBY und Georg, DF1SR, qrv from Liechtenstein (HB0)

Kurzwelle (25 April ? 05 Mai 2012)
Rufzeichen *HB0/DL2SBY*
80-10m in SSB/CW/RTTY
Equipment TS2000, Acom1010, Antennen Spiderbeam 20/17/15/12/10 sowie HF9V

*UKW via EME *
Rufzeichen *HB0/DF1SR*
28-29 April Dubus EME Contest auf 13cm
30 April ? 03 Mai Aktivit?t auf 6cm bzw. 9cm
Hier werden wir im HB9Q-Chatroom zu finden sein.
Auf den beiden letzten B?ndern w?re es die ERSTE EME-Aktivit?t aus
Liechtenstein.
Equipment TS2000, FT726R, Spiegel 3,7m

SOURCE: tnx to Kasimir, DL2SBY, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: W; square EN91; start 2012-05-12

N8OFS/p qrv 2012-05-12 2300Z till 2012-05-13 0300Z from EN91or

The Rules for the 2012 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints are online...

http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2012-announcement-rules

I will once again be Broadcasting Live and Direct from the Big Caboose at
the beloved AC&J Railroad for the 6M Sprint... This will be my First of
Six trips to the Caboose for 2012... 50W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the
"DOMINATOR"(tm) at 28.5ft, parked and locked on 52.525FM from EN91or...

PeAcE...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

SOURCE: tnx to Andy, N8OFS, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: VP2V; square FK78; start 2012-06-21

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS DXPEDITION: VP2V on 6 METERS Only (50.115.6 Mhz.
CW & 50.115 Mhz. SSB)

W9DR, Dave, will be operating from the British Virgin Islands on 6
meters from June 21, 2012 to July 2, 2012.

The call will be VP2V/W9DR and he will be on 50.115.6 Mhz.CW and 50.115
Mhz.
SSB.

Please submit conformation request (QSL) to W9DR's home address.

SOURCE: tnx to W9DR direct to MMMonVHF

** DEADLINE for your NEWS input to MMMonVHF**

... for your News (pse use: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php)
to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 22.00 UTC ...

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The VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF - Newsletter Credits & Info
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Our Newsletter is compiled from the input of the USERS of the

VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF and as well by a lot of free usable
HF-V-U-SHF-Info-Sources (named as SOURCE at the NEWS) and chats
like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USERS who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

** www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php or www.mmmonvhf.de/contact.php **

The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info
as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC and Frank, PA4EME
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

DG2KBC DK3XT DK5EW DK5YA DL8EBW HA5CRX
IV3NDC OZ1LPR PA2DW PA3BIY PA3CMC & PA4EME

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